

Implementation

Step-Down Management Plans

Step-down management plans provide additional guidance to implement the goals and objectives identified in the CCP. The only step-down plan associated with the Washington Islands CCP is a Fire Management Plan which was completed in 2004 for the entire Washington Maritime NWRC. A summary of this Fire Management Plan is found in Appendix F. The wilderness plan for the Washington Islands Wilderness is incorporated into the CCP and therefore no step-down plan is needed.

Partnerships

Partnerships are an important component of the implementation of the Washington Islands NWRs' CCP and are reflected in the goals, objectives, and strategies identified in Chapter 2. Refuge staff will work to strengthen existing partnerships with other federal agencies, State agencies, local Tribes, organizations and individuals. They will also look for new partnerships to assist in achieving the goals and objectives, and strategies set forth in this CCP.

Staffing

Current staffing and proposed staffing are shown in two organizational charts at the end of this appendix. The proposed chart shows a 2.15 full-time-equivalent increase in staffing over current levels. Additional staffing would provide: increased coordination with other Federal agencies, State agencies, and Tribes; visitor safety and law enforcement to reduce wildlife disturbance; and environmental education and interpretation of marine resources.

Budget Requests

The following table represents budget requests for RONS (Refuge Operating Needs System) projects. These guide the funding of CCP goals and strategies and will financially enable the Washington Islands National Wildlife Refuges to carry out its plans under the CCP.

Refuge Operating Needs System

Project No.	Title and Description	Cost Estimate (Thousands)	Station Rank
00002	<p>Monitor wildlife response. Seabird populations off the Washington coast have declined in recent years. Approximately 80% of the seabirds in the State of Washington nest within our coastal refuges. We would conduct surveys to provide vital data about Trust Resources such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preferred feeding and roosting areas for migratory birds • migration patterns of migratory birds • marine mammal distribution, abundance, and behavior • total numbers of a variety of species <p>We would set up a GIS database to help us manage information.</p>	\$54.6K	11
99001	<p>Improve protection and management of seabirds and marine mammals: Assistant Refuge Manager. More than 870 refuge islands extend along 100 miles of Washington coastline. Numerous Federal, State, local, and tribal entities are involved in marine management issues on the outer coast. An Assistant Refuge Manager (GS-7/9) would coordinate efforts with these entities, conduct outreach and education, monitor, and patrol. These activities will improve seabird and marine mammal protection for our remote refuge islands.</p>	\$144.7K	12
01002	<p>Improve protection and management of seabirds and marine mammals: equipment, facilities, and supplies. Provide equipment, facilities, supplies, and training needed to support Assistant Refuge Manager position (Project 99001, above).</p>	\$180K	12
97002	<p>Develop refuge video to increase outreach and education. The video will focus on the value of offshore islands as undisturbed habitat for sensitive species such as nesting seabirds, endangered species, and marine mammals. We will enhance education efforts by using the video at special events, loaning it to cooperators, and distributing it to schools and other interested groups.</p>	\$46.7K	14
97002	<p>Improve resource Protection, Education, and Outreach (0.25% of full time Education/Recreation Specialist) An education/recreation specialist will improve visitor safety, law enforcement, outreach, education, and volunteer coordination. Wildlife disturbance will be reduced while environmental education and partnerships will increase.</p>	\$35K	2
05NNN	<p>Public Education and Recreation Our share of construction and operation of an interagency visitor contact station on the Washington Coast to serve the Washington Islands NWRs, Olympic National Park, and Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. Includes funding for seasonal interpretive specialist and Park Ranger.</p>	\$327K	24